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RE: REPLY TO MARCH 23, 2004 OFFICE ACTION
FOR: SERIAL NUMBER 09/643,046; ART UNIT 2655; FILED 8/21/00;
EXAMINER: NABIL Z. HINDI
TITLE: OPTICAL PICKUP APPARATUS AND METHOD

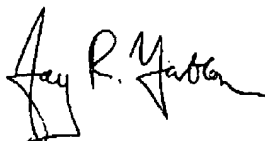
Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find a detailed twenty-four (24) page reply to the above-referenced office action.

This reply is timely filed and the claim count is unchanged by this reply, so no fees are due.

By and with this reply, I hereby request further examination and consideration of this application, with the amendments submitted, described and supported herein.

Very Truly Yours,

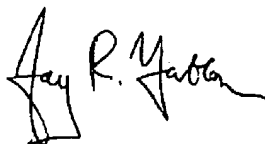


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DETAILED REPLY TO MARCH 23, 2004 OFFICE ACTION

Following is a detailed reply to the above-referenced office action.

5 **REQUEST FOR TELEPHONE INTERVIEW BEFORE SUBSEQUENT OFFICE ACTION**

If this reply does not result in allowance of all claims, applicants' counsel hereby respectfully requests a telephone interview with examiner Nabil Z. Hindi, following receipt of this reply, and prior to issuance of any further office action.

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